

February

26 and 27 Mid-Winter Wine Festival *Enjoy wines from Hartwood and a guest winery. Tours, hors d'oeuvres and a complimentary glass, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$*
www.hartwoodwinery.com

27 Black History Day Exhibit and special events commemorating the black history of Spotsylvania County, Marshall Building at Spotsylvania Courthouse, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free.

March

6 Fredericksburg Big Band Concert 18th annual concert of Big Band sounds. Dodd Auditorium, University of Mary Washington, 2p.m. Free. www.fredericksburgva.gov/PR

8 Cultural Awareness Series Ruth Ozeki, award-winning filmmaker and novelist, will speak, Lee Hall Ballroom, University of Mary Washington, 7 p.m. Free. www.umw.edu/multicultural

11 to 20 Senior Studio Art Major Exhibition Senior studio art majors of the University of Mary Washington display their works, and offer some for sale, duPont Gallery, regular gallery hours. Free. www.umw.edu/artg

12 St. Patrick's Day Parade A procession commemorating the day at the Bowman Center, 12 noon, followed by a corned beef and cabbage dinner at the Blue and Gray Brewery with live Irish song and dance. Parade free, dinner \$. www.blueandgraybrewingco.com

12 Winery Soup d' Jour Gourmet soup and crusty bread by the crackling fire, tastings and tours at Lake Anna Winery, 12 noon to 5 p.m. \$ www.lawinery.com

12 Remembering Women in Local History A day of historical vignettes and presentations at Ferry Farm, George Washington's boyhood home, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$ www.kenmore.org

12 Governor Spotswood Awards Dinner Contributions of Spotsylvania County residents are recognized, 6 p.m. Ramada Inn and Conference Center. \$

12 March Musical Mix The College-Community Orchestra of Mary Washington College performs contemporary works by living composers and concerti at 7:30 p.m. on campus in Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall. Free. www.umw.edu/musc



13 to 20 54th Annual Fredericksburg Fine Arts Exhibit

Regional artists display their artwork while competing in various media for awards at the Fredericksburg Community Center. Free. www.fredericksburgva.gov/PR/index.htm

13 Sweet Side of Life Amateur chefs, including children and adults compete in a dessert contest while the public samples professionally prepared sweet treats, 3 to 5 p.m. in the atrium, 2300 Fall Hill Ave. \$

13 Choral Ensemble Concert Several groups perform, Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall, University of Mary Washington, 7:30 p.m. Free. www.umw.edu/musc

16 to June 17 "Beauty and the Beast" Children's theater at the Riverside Dinner Theater, Saturdays 1 p.m. lunch, 2 p.m. show. \$ www.riversidedt.com

17 to June 5 Theobroma Cacao (Food of the Gods): Depictions of Cacao and Chocolate from the Collection of Jack J. Ward and Animal Portraits by Nancy Soyer An exhibition at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery of the University of Mary Washington, regular gallery hours. Free. www.umw.edu/artg

17 Good Buddy Concert A delightful woodwind and percussion concert geared to a young audience—children are encouraged to sit amongst the musicians, 12:45 p.m. at Woodard Campus Center Great Hall, Mary Washington College. Free. www.umw.edu/musc

19 March Muster A day of 18th century entertainment recreating a colonial fair with an array of musicians, dancers storytellers, craftspeople and authentic food in Historic Market Square, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$ www.famcc.org

19 Easter Egg Hunt An egg hunt and a visit with the Easter bunny for young children at Memorial Park, 12:30 p.m. Free. www.fredericksburgva.gov/PR/index.htm

19 EGGSpolison! A celebration of spring at Curtis Memorial Park with a variety of children's activities including an egg hunt, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$ for children. www.staffordparks.com

19 and 20 Fine Arts Festival This 29th annual arts festival showcases the works of students of all ages from around Stafford County at Brooke Point H.S., Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sun. 12 noon to 5 p.m. Free. www.pen.k12.va.us/Div/Stafford

23 Fredericksburg Forum Actor James Earl Jones speaks followed by a moderated question and answer period, 8 p.m. at Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall, Mary Washington College. \$. www.umw.edu/foruM

24 to 26 10th Annual Children's Art Festival Local children grades four through seven exhibit their works in various media at the Dorothy Hart Community Center. Free. www.fredericksburgva.gov/PR/index.htm

For the complete calendar listing, visit www.fredericksburgva.gov and click on Visitor Center.

April

1 "War and Peace" Wind and Percussion Ensemble

Concert The University of Mary Washington group performs, 7:30 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall of the university. Free. www.umw.edu/musc

1 to 30 Senior Art Show Local senior artists exhibits their works in various media, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Snow Branch, Central Rappahannock Regional Library, Spotsylvania Courthouse. Free.

2 15th Annual Multicultural Fair Multicultural entertainment, food and vendors at the University of Mary Washington, Ball Circle and Campus Walk, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. www.umw.edu/mult

6 Tartan Day The Scottish heritage of Hugh Mercer is celebrated in outdoor exhibits and music provided by the Scottish Society, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Hugh Mercer Apothecary garden. Free.

8 to 17 Annual Student Art Exhibition University of Mary Washington art students show their works from the past year and compete for awards, regular gallery hours, duPont Gallery, University of Mary Washington. Free. www.umw.edu/artg

7 to 10 and 14 to 17 "A Company of Wayward Saints" Drama presented by the Department of Theater at Klein Theater of Mary Washington College, April 7 to 9 and 14 to 16 at 8 p.m., April 10 and 17 at 2 p.m. \$ www.umw.edu/thda

9 Chocolate Extravaganza A chocolate emersion in downtown Fredericksburg with chocolate dessert tastings, children's activities, cooking classes, a cookbook, and more, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. in several locations. \$

9 Jazz Festival University, local and special guest artists perform this evening at 7:30 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall of the University of Mary Washington. Free. www.umw.edu/musc

9 We're Not Foolin' Around Silent Auction More than 125 items including travel, fine dining, jewelry, artwork, historical memorabilia, furnishings and events tickets at this auction to benefit the Fredericksburg Area Museum, at the atrium in 2300 Fall Hill Avenue, 6 to 8 p.m. \$ www.famcc.org

11 and 12 38th Annual All Breed Dog Show and Obedience Trials An American Kennel Club-sanctioned competition at the Fredericksburg Fairgrounds, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. \$

16 and 17 Spring Open House at Hartwood Winery Enjoy Hartwood wines, including new releases. Musical entertainment, tours, hors d'oeuvres and a complimentary glass from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$ www.hartwoodwinery.com

17 "Lighter Side" Concert Concert by choral ensembles at Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall, University of Mary Washington, 7:30 p.m. Free.

19 to 24 Spring Opening of St. James House This charming 18th century gentleman's cottage is open to the public just three times a year, 1 to 4 p.m. \$

19 Fredericksburg Garden Day of Historic Garden Week in Virginia A tour of private homes and estates, including a home of Virginia Governor Mark Warner, and afternoon tea in scenic King George County, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$ www.vagardenweek.org

22 Celebrity Series The University of Mary Washington-Community Orchestra performs with a guest celebrity artist, for this show the Canadian Brass, 7:30 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall of the university. \$. www.umw.edu/musc

23 18th Annual Fredericksburg Music Festival The kick off performance of the well-respected concert event, 8 p.m. Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall of the University of Mary Washington. \$ www.fredfest.org

29 "Kiss Me, Kate" A musical at the Riverside Dinner Theater, dinner at 6:30 p.m. show at 8 pm., Sunday matinees. \$ www.riversidedt.com



First Fridays

Music in Old Town Fredericksburg

Join us for a block party the whole family can enjoy!
6:00pm to 9:30pm
Caroline Street,
next to the Visitor Center

Performers:

<p>May 6 June 3 July 1 August 5 September 2 October 7</p>	<p>Twelve Row Barley Silver Wings Bittersweet Rhondells Class Act Kevin Davis & Ban Caribe</p>
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Tickets: \$4 adults,
\$3 under 21 (13 - 20 yrs),
\$1 kids (6-12 yrs),
FREE under 6 yrs.

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1-800-678-4748
for more information.**

